

How can it already be November?! The weeks seem to fly past faster than ever and before we know where we are it will be Christmas. Plans are well under way for the biennial Christmas Tree Festival in Findon Church and I look forward to seeing all the differently decorated trees from local organisations there in just over a month's time. Like the Sheep Fair, it is a wonderful opportunity for all of the villagers to get together, either in planning and decorating a group tree or simply coming along to enjoy the refreshments and vote for your favourite tree.

This week, Lambstails met for the final time on a 3rd Tuesday in the Church, as the new hall will be ready to use by the 3rd Tuesday in November. It has been a joy to welcome families into St John's Church every month and the children have certainly enjoyed the different space to explore and the amazing acoustics when we've done some singing together at the end of some sessions. I've taken along the hobby-horses belonging to our grandchildren and they've raced around between the pews with very enthusiastic young jockeys, as well as at a more sedentary pace with yours truly!



If you haven't yet tried Lambstails and have a preschool aged child or grandchild, do come along and join us in Findon Village Hall on a Tuesday morning in termtime. It is great to be able to chat over a coffee as the children play with the range of toys on offer.

November is of course traditionally the month for remembering and we will hold a special Service in Findon Church at 4pm on Sunday 5th November, where names of departed loved ones will be read out as we give thanks for them and remember they are now at peace in God's nearer presence. All are welcome to join us, and if you would like a loved one added to the list, please let us know by Friday 3rd. During the morning Service that day, we give thanks for all the saints, remembering St Paul's words, that we are all called to be saints as we seek to follow Christ's teaching and example. Just a reminder that the following Sunday our worship in Findon Church will begin at 10am rather than 9.30 so we are ready to observe the silent reflection at the War Memorial at 11am for Remembrance Sunday.

Speaking of remembering, don't forget to keep pets safe around Guy Fawkes Night, perhaps putting on some music to distract them from any firework noises. Classic FM usually put together a great playlist! Hopefully people will just attend organised events rather than individual events in gardens, so we can all be sure when any explosions might be coming!

Stay safe and every blessing,

Helena